



Energy and Environment Cabinet Celebrating 11 Years of Commonwealth Cleanup Week



March 22-28, 2009, marks the 11th anniversary of Commonwealth Cleanup Week. Commonwealth Cleanup Week is an annual week-long event implemented by the Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) and also kicks off the Great American Cleanup, spanning from March-May. Its purpose is to provide Kentucky communities an opportunity to “spring clean,” recycle and promote personal responsibility across the commonwealth.

Who is involved – The EEC, county solid waste coordinators, cities, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Bluegrass PRIDE and Keep America Beautiful are sponsoring this year’s event, along with the Governor’s Office, legislators, county and city officials, volunteer organizations and other state government entities. Eastern Kentucky PRIDE will be conducting cleanups in April as part of the Great American Cleanup.

What – Statewide cleanup and recycling event mandated by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to promote responsible solid waste practices.

Where – Throughout the commonwealth

When – Commonwealth Cleanup Week – March 22-28, 2009
Great American Cleanup – March 1 – May 31, 2009

Prizes – Civic, religious and nonprofit organizations can enter to win three separate \$200 prizes in a random drawing. To be eligible, organizations must register through their local solid waste coordinator and complete a cleanup project during the week of March 22-28. Group participation forms are available on the cabinet web site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov/ccw/>.

Free garbage bags – As one of the official sponsors for the Great American Cleanup, GLAD has donated garbage bags for Kentucky’s cleanup events. Please contact your [local solid waste coordinator](#) to find out about picking up bags for your organization’s cleanup.

We Need Law Enforcement Support!

The cabinet asks all law enforcement officials to step up efforts to cite for criminal littering and illegal dumping during the cleanups. We also request that county attorneys and district judges follow through with prosecution of littering and dumping citations during that time. Some useful laws for issuing citations are: KRS 433.757 (Littering Public Waters) and KRS 433.753 (Criminal Littering on Public Highways.) For more information about Commonwealth Cleanup Week, please contact your [Local Solid Waste Coordinator](#). A list of solid waste coordinators can be found at <http://www.waste.ky.gov/branches/rla/>. You may also contact Melinda Meredith at the Division of Waste Management, 502-564-6716, or e-mail melinda.meredith@ky.gov.



Group Participation Form

Commonwealth Cleanup Week

March 22-28, 2009

Please return completed and signed form to your area *solid waste coordinator* or *county judge-executive*.

Once a cleanup project has been certified, *nonprofit organization names* will be entered into a cash prize drawing. Your nonprofit group will be contacted if it is a winner. *Individuals, companies, state agencies and road departments do not qualify for the drawing.*

Group name: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of participants: _____

Number of hours the group spent on project: _____

Type of group (only nonprofit groups are eligible for cash prizes):

- ☐ Civic/religious group
- ☐ Charitable organization
- ☐ Other nonprofit group (schools, etc.)
- ☐ Americorp
- ☐ Other (includes state and local government agencies) _____
- ☐ Private business or industry (not eligible for cash prizes) _____

Project description (including location): _____

Estimate of total costs incurred on project. Include actual expenses (disposal, gloves, trash bags, etc.) and man-hours for paid employees:

Illegal dumps	\$ _____
Roadside litter	\$ _____
Recycling	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____

Provide the following information about your project:

Number of bags of trash/litter collected	
Number of truckloads of debris/trash	
Total tons disposed	
Total tons recycled	
Number of appliances	
Number of waste tires	

Beginning/ending dates of project: _____

Verification by solid waste coordinator or county judge-executive (required for county/state groups and to be eligible for nonprofit group cash prize drawing):

Signature _____ *Date* _____

Signature of group contact _____ *Date* _____

Before and after pictures with informational caption attached (optional but appreciated):

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Commonwealth Cleanup Week County Cumulative Report Form

The Energy and Environment Cabinet will be submitting a report to the Legislature that will include activities conducted by counties. Please take the time to complete this survey so we can include your activities in our report. Please return your survey to **Melinda Meredith** by **April 30, 2009**, either by mail (Division of Waste Management, RLA Branch, 200 Fair Oaks, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601); e-mail (melinda.meredith@ky.gov); or by fax at 502-564-4049. Please be sure to compile the results of the **Group Survey Forms** into this **County Report Form**. As county solid waste manager, you are responsible for certifying the group's cleanup activities and returning their forms along with this County Survey. Nonprofit groups will be eligible for the cash prize drawing to be held in May 2008. If you have any questions, please call us at 502-564-6716 and ask for your Local Assistance Section contact.

Thanks for all you do to Keep Kentucky Clean!

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax: _____ County: _____

1) Approximately how many people participated in Commonwealth Cleanup Week in your county? _____

2) What types of cleanups were conducted?

Illegal dumps ☐ How Many? _____ Roadside litter ☐ How many miles? _____ Recycling ☐ How many tons? _____

3) What other events were conducted in your county?

4) Please provide the following information about your cleanups:

of bags of trash/litter _____ # of appliances _____ tons of appliances _____ # of waste tires _____

of truck loads debris _____ Total debris tons collected and disposed of _____ Total tons recycling _____

5) Please list any organizations (e.g., civic groups, senior volunteers, Boy Scouts, Adopt-A-Highway), agencies (e.g., extension service, conservation districts, county road department) that participated. ***Please attach their completed Group Participation Forms***

6) Please list any businesses and/or industries that participated.

7) Please list **funding sources** (e.g., county, PRIDE, private, state tire money, state litter abatement money).

8) Please list **total amount** of funding spent for all cleanups.

Commonwealth Cleanup Week Celebrates 11 years

March 22-28, 2009, marks the 11th annual event, designed to "spring clean" Kentucky. We encourage businesses to join with civic, religious and other nonprofit groups to coordinate cleanup activities.

Register through your county solid waste coordinator and complete a cleanup project; nonprofit groups are eligible to one of three \$200 cash prizes in a random drawing.

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Attention:

All civic, religious and other nonprofit organizations.
You could win up to \$200 by helping to clean up the environment!

Commonwealth Cleanup Week March 22-28, 2009

Organize a cleanup in your community and get registered for a random drawing for one of three cash prizes.

Contact your solid waste coordinator for details, or visit www.waste.ky.gov.



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